

## HEAD OF CLUB BACKS STRIKING BALL PLAYERS

**President Frank Navin  
Thinks Detroit Men Were  
Right in Stand.**

## EXPECTS TO ARRANGE TEAM BY TOMORROW

Executive of Tiger Organization  
on Way to Confer With  
Ban Johnson.

DETROIT, Mich., May 19.—President Frank Navin, of the Detroit team, left today for Philadelphia to smooth out the ruffled fur of his jungle pets. He will meet President Ban Johnson there tomorrow morning.

ing, and the two magnates will have a conference regarding the strike of the Detroit ball players. As Navin boarded a train for Philadelphia he said he did not expect to have any further trouble with his ball players. "The men have too good sense to carry the fight any further than is necessary to get their point," said Navin.

"I don't blame the boys for doing what they have done, and I am glad that Johnson will be in Philadelphia tomorrow. That is the best thing to do. We can get together and have it out, but I feel certain the Tigers will be on the ball field for tomorrow's game."

## Baseball Heads Hurry to Confer On Ty Cobb Case

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—President Ban Johnson of the American League and President Navin of the Detroit club are due in Philadelphia late this afternoon and have arranged for a conference with Manager Jennings of the Detroit ball club, when an effort will be made to straighten out the tangled situation resulting from the strike of the Tigers.

Meanwhile the players express themselves as determined to stick it out as long as Ty Cobb is under suspension and unable to take his position in the field for the team.

The situation is one of the most novel as well as the most serious which has occurred in the American League during its whole history. With neither side giving any indication of weakening, the struggle threatens to be prolonged.

Manager Jennings is plainly disturbed but says Detroit will have a team in the field whatever happens. Unless the strike is settled before tomorrow he will probably present a line-up for the game similar to the one the Athletics faced yesterday. Jennings has five days to sign a new team, as it is possible for him to use a player that space of time before being compelled to offer him a contract.

He declares he can get together a team of regular ball players from among the substitutes on the other American League teams long before the five days are up.

The players on their side face a serious situation unless the tangle is straightened out. They are liable for fine of \$50 for each game they refuse to play, and outside of that the light penalty for them would be suspension for the season, and the severest a place on the blacklist for life.

It is likely the tide of sympathy for the players will turn, for if Detroit presents a makeshift team the other teams in the league will suffer, and attendance will fall off all over the circuit while that team plays.

If the affair is settled today and the players return to the game, then the other teams will object to the way the Athletics fattened their averages yesterday.

The feeling among the Athletic players is strong that the Athletic team had troubles of its own without becoming rowing more from Detroit. Some of the players show the usual loyalty of a ball tosser has for one of his own guild but any report that there will be a demonstration on the part of the Athletics in favor of Cobb is without the slightest

Delehanty today declared the men were sticking together, and that they are awaiting the result of the conference with Ban Johnson they expect some time today.

Delehanty is peeved that there has been a tendency to call him the leader of the strikers. "We are all in this thing together, and intend to stick

"But," he said today, "I'm not a leader. I should be only too proud to act as a leader if the men wish it, but as it is, I think I have been done of which I do not approve."

"There is nothing new in the situation," said Jennings this morning. "I've talked with all of the men. I'm awaiting the conference with President [redacted]."

"How much are the players well struck likely to lose financially by this strike?" the Detroit manager was asked.

"It is not a question of deduction from salaries," replied Jennings. "If the heavy fines they will be lucky. They will be lucky if they are not suspended for the rest of the season."

"I can recruit players from the substitutes of the other American Leagues," he said.